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Notification of Non-Compliance With 37 CFR 1.192(c)

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The Appeal Brief filed on <u>21 June 2004</u> is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file IN TRIPLICATE a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following three TIME PERIODS: (1) ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer; (2) TWO MONTHS from the date of the notice of appeal; or (3) within the period for reply to the action from which this appeal was taken. EXTENSIONS OF THESE TIME PERIODS MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.

1.			ading or in the proper order.
2.			e brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the bealed claims (37 CFR 1.192(c)(3)).
3.			least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a tement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 1.192(c)(4)).
4.			e brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page d line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 1.192(c)(5)).
5.	\boxtimes	The	e brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review (37 CFR 1.192(c)(6)).
6.		A s	single ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and
	(a)		the brief omits the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet presents arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
	(b)		the brief includes the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet does not present arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
7.		The	e brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal (37 CFR 1.192(c)(8)).
8.		The	e brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 1.192(c)(9)).
9.	\boxtimes	Oth	ner (including any explanation in support of the above items):
		<u>See</u>	e Continuation Sheet

Continuation of 9. Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

The Summary of Invention is deficient as it does not properly provide a brief summary for the multiple independent claimed inventions. Also, the features claimed should coincide with the language in the Appeal Brief. Further, various features of the dependent claims are no addressed, e.g. claim 4, in the Summary. Applicant is advised to carefully review the various claims in juxtaposition to the Summary of Invention and correct such errors if the current Appeal Brief is represented for review.

It is suggested that to streamline prosecution, Applicant amend, via an RCE, the independent claims to positively recite subject matter that in its present form constitutes intended use, e.g. claims, i.e. claim 1, line 1, "for an accounting application,". If completed the claims would appear in condition for allowance.

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